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SUBJECT: OTHER ACTIVITIES: GORGAS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

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1. SUBJECT TO YOUR AND STEVE LUCAS' CONCURRENCE, THE
FOLLOWING IS A DRAFT NOTE TO THE GOP ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES
OF THE GORGAS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE UNDER THE NEW TREATY:
BEGIN QUOTE: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE GORGAS
MEMORIAL INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE,
INCORPORATED, AND ITS SUBSIDIARY, THE GORGAS MEMORIAL
LABORATORY. THE INSTITUTE WAS ESTABLISHED IN MEMORY OF
DR. WILLIAM C. GORGAS FOR THE RESEARCH OF DISEASES ENDEMIC

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TO CENTRAL AMERICA AND NORTHERN SOUTH AMERICA. IT RECEIVES
FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION IN
DR. GORGAS' MEMORY.

THE GORGAS MEMORIAL LABORATORY HAS BEEN OPERATING IN PANAMA
UNDER PANAMANIAN PUBLIC LAW 15 OF OCTOBER 16, 1930, PUBLIC
LAW 5 OF FEBRUARY 5, 1953, AND PUBLIC LAW 84 OF SEPTEMBER

20, 1973. THE INSTITUT: HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN PANAMA OF ITS DESIRE TO CONTINUE ITS OPERATIONS IN PANAMA UNDER THESE LAWS. THE INSTITUTE DOES NOT FORESEE A NEED TO REQUEST CHANGES IN THAT LEGISLATION.

I HAVE THE FURTHER HONOR TO CONFIRM THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS THAT THE GORGAS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE MAY CONTINUE TO USE FOR THE DURATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY WITHOUT CHARGE THE AREAS AND INSTALLATIONS IN THE FORMER CANAL ZONE BEING USED BY IT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY, TO-WIT:

--JUAN MINA PLANTATION, A MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING SITTING ON PROPERTY WHICH INCLUDES 15 ACRES LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE CHAGRES RIVER IN THE BALBOA EAST DISTRICT.

-- BUILDING 265 AND THE ADJACENT LAND LOCATED AT THE GORGAS HOSPITAL AT ANCON.

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA SHALL AGREE TO THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE IV OF THE AGREEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE III OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY TO PERMIT THE
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USE WITHOUT CHARGE OF ABOGADO AND AOJETA ISLANDS IN GATUN LAKE BY THE GORGAS MEMORIAL LABORATORY.

THE LOCATIONS AND AREAS OF THE JUAN MINA PLANTATION, BUILDING 265 AND ITS ADJACENT LAND, AND THE ISLANDS OF ABOGADO AND AOJETA ARE INDICATED ON THE MAP ATTACHED TO THIS NOTE.

THE GORGAS MEMORIAL LABORATORY WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE PRIVILEGE OF USING THE UNITED STATES MILITARY COMMISSARIES AND POST EXCHANGES FOR ITS OFFICIAL PURCHASES, AND MAY RECEIVE OTHER SERVICES OR SUPPLIES FROM THE UNITED STATES FORCES OR THE PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES. THIS PRIVILEGE DOES NOT EXTEND TO PERSONAL PURCHASES BY THE STAFF AND EMPLOYEES OF THE GORGAS MEMORIAL LABORATORY.

THE STAFF AND EMPLOYEES OF THE GORGAS MEMORIAL LABORATORY ARE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESIDENTS OF PANAMA. THOSE PERSONS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS WHO ARE NOT CITIZENS OF PANAMA SHALL RECEIVE RESIDENT VISAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PANAMANIAN LEGISLATION AND AGREEMENTS

BETWEEN THE LABORATORY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA. THE
STAFF AND EMPLOYEES OF THE GORGAS MEMORIAL LABORATORY
WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN HOUSING.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REQUEST YOUR EXCELLENCY'S
AGREEMENT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS NOTE. END QUOTE.

2. THIS NOTE HAS BEEN CLEARED BY DR. JACK MILLAR AND
MILL GLORIELA CALVO OF THE GORGAS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE.
WE SUGGEST THAT CAP-.LUCAS REVIEW THE NOTE HIMSELF,
ESPECIALLY THE PARAGRAPH ABOUT COMMISSARY AND PX
PRIVILEGES (PARAGRAPH 6).

3. THE AREAS OF THE JUAN MINA PLANTATION AND BUILDING
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265 AND THE ADJACENT LAND ARE THE SAME AS ARE DELINEATED
IN THE CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT USE LICENSES NOS. 5497 AND
5666 FOR THOSE SITES.

4. REFTTEL D IS A REPORT ABOUT THE WORK AND REQUIREMENTS
OF THE GORGAS MEMORIAL LABORATORY IN PANAMA. CHRISTOPHER

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